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9 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division, DDP

ATTENTION: [redacted]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID/EPIC)

SUBJECT: Research/Educational Institute Near Cheng Chou, China

REFERENCES: Requirement No. DDP/299/64  
CIA Project No. C 1074-64

1. In response to your request concerning a "Suspected Atomic Energy Research Center" near Cheng-chou, China, it was found that this facility was reported in EPIC/R-1564/63, in November of 1963. It was identified as a Research/Educational Institute located at 34-53N 113-38E. Although the photography revealed security precautions and an isolated location suggesting activities of a sensitive nature, an atomic energy function could not be specifically identified.

2. To comment on the [redacted] description of the facility, we cannot agree with their identification of a "probable air-cooled type reactor", but the facility could be involved in research and experimentation with radioactive isotopes as they suggest. However, we have no specific indications of this on the photography.

3. It is interesting to us that this facility was discovered independently by the [redacted] photo interpreters, and that they suspect an AE function. We would be interested in any additional information which might aid in the full identification of this facility.

4. This memorandum and enclosure complete the referenced requirement. The photo analyst on this project was [redacted] who may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have further questions.

Reviewed by NGA.

Enclosure:

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